INVITATION TO BID



Department Of Executive Services Finance and Business Operations Division **Procurement and Contract Services Section**

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TTY RELAY: 711 206-684-1681 DATE ADVERTISED: May 6, 2004 ITB Title: CAST IRON CATCH BASINS, ETC. ITB Number: IT12684-VJL Due Date: May 20, 2004 - 2:00 P.M. Buyer: Valerie Lane, <u>valerie.lane@metrokc.gov</u>, 206-263-4276 TERM SUPPLY REQUIREMENT Furnishing CAST IRON CATCH BASINS, MANHOLE FRAMES, GRATES, AND LIDS, as requested by authorized King County DOT/Fleet Administration personnel, during the period of one (1) year from date of contract award, in accordance with the following and the attached instructions, requirements, and specifications. TOTAL BID PRICE: \$ See Section 6 Sealed Bids are hereby solicited and will **ONLY** be received by: **King County Procurement Services Section** Exchange Building, 8th Floor 821 Second Avenue NO PRE-BID CONFERENCE Seattle, WA 98104-1598 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THE FORM BELOW (TYPE OR PRINT) Company Name City / State / Postal Code Address Authorized Representative / Title Signature Phone Fax Phone Company Contact / Title Email Fax Delivery guaranteed: Yes No Prompt Payment Discount Terms: Days after order:

This Invitation to Bid will be provided in alternative formats such as Braille, large print, audiocassette or computer disk for individuals with disabilities upon request.

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SECTION 1 - BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS AND PURCHASE CONTRACT CONDITIONS

1-1 EXPLANATION TO OFFERORS

All questions and any explanation desired by an offeror regarding the meaning or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must be requested in writing and directed to the named buyer not later than seven (7) days prior to the due date specified in the solicitation. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding. Any information given to a prospective offeror concerning a solicitation will be furnished to all prospective offerors as an amendment to the solicitation, if such information is necessary to offerors in submitting offers on the solicitation or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed offerors.

1-2 SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

- A. The original and one (1) copy(s) of this entire solicitation document package shall be signed and submitted complete. Original shall be noted or stamped "original". Offerors shall use and complete this document for their response, are encouraged to use recycled paper in the preparation of additional documents submitted with this solicitation, and shall use both sides of paper sheets where practicable. Failure to return the entire solicitation document with offer will result in disqualification of the offeror
- B. Offers and modifications thereof shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes and addressed to the office specified in the solicitation. The offeror shall show the solicitation title and number, the due date specified in the solicitation for receipt, and the name and address of the offeror on the face of the envelope. Offerors are cautioned that failure to comply may result in non-acceptance of the offer.
- C. Telegraphic or electronic offers will not be considered. Modifications to offers already received may be made by telegram provided the actual telegram is received prior to the hour and date specified for the bid opening.
- D. Samples of items, when required, must be submitted within the time specified and, unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, will be submitted without expense to the County. If not destroyed by testing, samples will be returned at the offeror's request and expense unless otherwise specified.
- E. All offers submitted shall be firm offers for a minimum period of 60 days after the bid opening date unless otherwise stated in writing in the offer.

1-3 FAILURE TO SUBMIT OFFER

If the recipient of this solicitation does not wish to submit an offer for the goods or services requested, they may return it and/or a written notice stating whether they wish to continue to receive future solicitations for the type of supplies or services specified.

1-4 LATE OFFERS

Offers, modifications of offers, and withdrawal of offers received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact hour and date specified for receipt will not be considered.

1-5 PREPARATION OF OFFERS

- A. Offerors are expected to examine the drawings, specifications, delivery, schedules and all Instructions. Failure to do so will be at the offeror's risk.
- B. All offers shall be considered to be in strict compliance with the bid invitation specifications and the successful offeror will be held responsible therefore unless any and all variations from the

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specifications are clearly described and sufficient supporting data is submitted with the bid to show their equivalency to the specifications.

- C. Each offeror shall furnish all information required by the solicitation. To be eligible for award the offeror must sign the solicitation and print or type their name in the space provided. Offers signed by an agent are to be accompanied by evidence of their authority unless such evidence has been previously furnished.
- D. Unit prices with extended totals for each item shall be listed and shall include all packing charges. Unit prices will be used as the basis for awards when an error in extending total amounts occurs.
- E. The prices quoted shall remain firm until all deliveries of goods and/or services are completed. Offers stating price in effect at the time of shipment will not be accepted.
- F. When indicated, King County will use prompt payment discount terms when evaluating offers, however, discounts terms of less the twenty (20) days will not be considered. The minimum acceptable payment terms without benefit of twenty (20) day discount shall be NET 30 days. List prompt payment discounts offered on page 1 of the solicitation.
- G. Taxes shall NOT be included in the bid prices. Applicable taxes will be added as a separate item. The offeror is cautioned that sales tax is a factor in evaluating the total cost to the County for awards.
- H. All deliveries shall be FOB destination unless otherwise specified by the County, or when specifically excepted by the offeror. All offerors of FOB origin shipments are cautioned that shipping costs are a factor in determining net costs to the County.
- I. Offeror must state a definite time for delivery of supplies or completion of performance of service unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.
- J. Time, if stated as a number of days, will include Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
- K. Offerors are cautioned to note any requirement for certification of understanding shown in the solicitation. Offerors signing such certificates indicate understanding and agreement to comply with the specifications and will be held fully responsible.

1-6 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFERS

Offers may be modified or withdrawn by mail or telegraphic notice received prior to the exact hour and date specified for receipt of offers. An offer also may be withdrawn in person by an offeror or authorized representative provided their identity is made known and they sign a receipt for the offers, but only if the withdrawal is made prior to the exact hour and date set for receipt of offers. All requests for modification or withdrawal of offers, whether personal, written, or telegraphic shall not reveal the amount of the original bid.

1-7 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDA TO SOLICITATIONS

Receipt of an addendum to a solicitation by an offeror must be acknowledged by:

- A. signing and returning the addendum, or
- B. acknowledging receipt of all addenda as indicated by the solicitation

Such acknowledgement must be received prior to the hour and date specified for receipt of offers.

1-8 BID DEPOSIT

When specifically required by the solicitation, a bid deposit in the form of a surety bond, postal money order, cashier's check, or certified check shall be furnished by the offeror to the County payable to "King

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County Finance". The bid deposit of all unsuccessful offerors shall be returned after the contract is awarded.

1-9 GENERAL

- A. Offerors desiring to restrict offers to the basis of "Lots" or "All or None" must clearly indicate such restriction in writing in the offer.
- B. After award, the Buyer or authorized County representative shall have the option of rejecting or refusing delivery of any and all articles which are not in strict conformity with the requirements of the specification and the offer. All such rejected articles must be promptly removed and replaced by new articles (which shall be subject to approval) at the offeror's own expense.
- C. Offers are understood as containing a warranty that all articles are in strict conformity with the requirements of the specifications.
- D. On failure to furnish promptly any articles specified in the contract, of the quality specified, the County reserves the right to purchase same in the open market, or of declaring such contract void, and if a greater price than the contract price has to be paid for any articles by purchasing it in the open market, the difference will be charged to the Contractor.
- E. Electronic Commerce and Correspondence:

King County is committed to reducing costs and facilitating quicker communication to the community by using electronic means to convey information. As such, most Invitations to Bid and Requests for Proposal, as well as related exhibits, appendices, and issued addenda can be found on the King County Internet Web Site, located at http://www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement. Please refer to the "RFPs, RFQs & ITBs / New / Goods/Services" portion of the site (note: some documents or portions thereof may not be posted on the site. Please note any special messages regarding a particular solicitation). This information is posted at the Web Site as a convenience to the public, and is not intended to replace the King County process of formally requesting bid documents and providing the County with contact information for the potential bidder. Each bidder bears the responsibility to confirm the completeness and accuracy of all documents pertaining to a given solicitation, including the receipt of all issued addenda.

If an offeror downloads a document from the Web Site and does not contact the Procurement Office to obtain a hard copy, the offeror *must* use the "Feedback" (Envelope) button at the bottom of the Web page to convey the offeror's company name, contact name, mailing address, and phone/fax number to the County. Please note which document/documents were downloaded.

After all offers have been opened in public, the County will post a listing of the offerors-submitting offers, or the name of a person to contact for bid results at the King County Internet site. Please refer to the "RFPs, RFQs & ITBs/ Awarded/ Goods/Services" portion of the site for a listing, as well as a notification of a final award.

1-10 SUBSTITUTIONS

When special brands, materials, design, style or size are named in the solicitation for any item, such specifications shall be construed to be shown solely for the purpose of indicating the standard of quality, performance or intended use. Where indicated in the solicitation, brands of equal quality, performance and use shall be considered, provided the offeror specifies the brand, model and submit with their offer other data necessary for comparison. The County shall retain the sole right to accept or reject substitute offers.

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1-11 TAXES

A. King County requires that all awarded Contractors have a Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 on file with King County to accommodate payment. If your firm does not have this form on file, or if you wish to obtain a copy, you may download a copy from either the King County web site1, or directly from the Internal Revenue Department web site2, or you may request one from the contact address and phone number on the front page of this bid form.

- B. King County is required to pay Washington State Sales or Use Taxes for most goods and services.
- C. King County is exempt from Federal Excise and Transportation Taxes. Said exemption is made pursuant to Chapter 32 of the Internal Revenue Code and Registry No. A-1 02374. When requested, an exemption certificate will be furnished.

1-12 WARRANTY

On each item offered, the minimum acceptable warranty shall be that the Contractor will repair or replace all equipment or items which fail due to defective equipment and/or defects in material and workmanship at no cost to the County during the first year after acceptance by the County. The solicitation may require other specific warranty terms and details. All warranties shall indicate the following information.

- A. Exact period of warranty.
- B. Any special extended warranty offered.
- C. Name and address of local warranty service and service hour.
- D. Name and address of local parts supplier and delivery time.
- E. Any special hours emergency service offered.
- F. Availability of direct factory service and parts.
- G. A general statement of warranty policy

The Contractor shall submit copies of applicable warranties upon request by the County.

1-13 AWARD OF CONTRACT

- A. An award of contract shall be subject to all applicable Federal and State laws, King County Code, and, to King County Contracting Opportunities Program (refer to paragraph 1-24).
- B. The contract will be awarded to the responsible, responsive offeror submitting the lowest price to the County subject to King County's Small Economically Disadvantaged Business (SEDB) Opportunities Program as stated on Attachment "A".
- C. The County reserves the right to reject any or all offers and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers.
- D. The County may accept any individual item or group of items of any offer, unless the offeror qualifies their offer by specific limitations. (refer to paragraph 1-9.A).
- E. A written award or acceptance of offer mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful offeror within the time for acceptance shall be a binding contract without further action by either party.

¹ The King County's web site is located at: http://www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/suppliers/forms.asp

The Internal Revenue Service web site is located at: http://www.irs.gov/

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F. On any County award or rejection, the decision of the County shall be final.

1-14 TERM PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

- A. Term purchase agreements, annual or blanket purchase orders may be issued by the County for goods/services for such periods as are indicated in the solicitation or agreement (contract). Such agreement periods *may* be less than but shall not exceed the specified time period.
- B. The quantities listed in the solicitation represent the County's estimated requirements during the contract period. The County will be neither obligated by nor restricted to the quantities indicated.
- C. Term purchase agreements for estimated quantity requirements are subject to the option of King County to purchase up to 25% of its requirements from other sources for experimental, test or evaluation purposes or if a lower responsible price is offered or if the vendor is unable to make deliveries in accordance with the requirements of the County.
- D. The prices quoted shall be the maximum allowed during the contract period unless the solicitation specifically provides for price escalation. Price reductions at the manufacturer's or distributor's level during the contract period shall be reflected by a reduction of the contract price retroactive to the effective date of the price reduction.

1-15 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING

The offeror shall comply with the provisions of King County Code Chapters 12.16, 12.17, 12.18, and all applicable state and federal anti-discrimination laws, rules, regulations and requirements.

1-16 INSURANCE

When required under the terms of the solicitation, commercial general and auto liability, property damage, and fire insurance acceptable to the County in the amounts specified, shall be furnished by the offeror. All insurance policies shall be endorsed with the following declaration, "King County, its officers, employees, and agents are covered as additional insureds."

1-17 INVOICES

Two copies of invoice(s) shall be submitted, unless otherwise specified. Invoices shall contain the following information: The purchase order/contract number, item numbers, description of supplies or services, sizes, quantities, unit prices, extended totals, and discounts offered, if applicable. Bill to the "SHIP TO" address on the purchase order unless otherwise notified. DO NOT BILL TO OR FORWARD INVOICES TO THE PROCUREMENT SERVICES SECTION.

1-18 PAYMENTS

The Contractor shall submit properly certified invoices to King County. All payments will be remitted by mail. The provisions or monies due under this contract shall not be assignable. The County will take advantage of any prompt payment discount terms offered. Discount periods must be extended if the invoice is returned for credit or correction.

1-19 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

The Washington State Interlocal Cooperative Act RCW 39.34 provides that other governmental agencies may purchase goods and services on this solicitation or contract in accordance with the terms and prices indicated therein if all parties are willing.

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1-20 CONTINGENT FEE

The Contractor, subcontractor and each offeror certifies that:

- A. They have not employed or retained any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the offeror) to solicit or receive this contract.
- B. They have not paid or agreed to pay any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the offeror) any fee, commission, percentage or brokerage fee contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract and agreed to furnish information relating to (A) or (B) above as requested by the County.
- C. They have not been asked or otherwise coerced, either expressly or impliedly, into contributing funds for any purpose as a condition to doing business with the County.

1-21 CANCELLATION

The County may cancel any purchase order/contract, or any part thereof by written notice at any time without penalty for its own convenience, for default of the Contractor, or, for non-appropriation of funds by the King County Council.

1-22 PROTEST PROCEDURE

King County has a process in place for receiving protests based upon either bids or contract awards. If you would like to receive or review a copy, please contact the Buyer named on the front page of this document or call Procurement Services at 206-684-1681.

1-23 ENVIRONMENTAL PURCHASING POLICY

Offerors able to supply products containing recycled and environmentally preferable materials that meet performance requirements are encouraged to offer them in bids and proposals.

The Offeror and Contractor shall use recycled paper for all printed and photocopied documents related to the submission of this solicitation and fulfillment of the contract and shall, whenever practicable, use both sides of the paper and ensure that the cover page of each document bears an imprint identifying it as recycled paper. (Reference: KCC 10.16 & King County Executive Policy CON 7-1-2).

1-24 KING COUNTY CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

King County Contracting Opportunities Program is a public contracting assistance program that is being implemented on a one-year pilot basis. The purpose of the program is to maximize the participation of Small Economically Disadvantaged Businesses (SEDB) through the use of a five percent (5%) incentive factor in the award of King County competitively bid contracts for the purchase of goods and services. The program is open to all SEDB certified by King County's Business Development and Contract Compliance Office. To learn more about this program see "Attachment A" of this solicitation.

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SECTION 2 - BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS, BID EVALUATION, AND AWARD

2-1 FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND AUDITING

If requested by the County, prior to the award of a contract, the successful offeror shall submit proof of adequate financial resources available to carry out the execution and completion of work required by this contract. This proof may include but shall not be limited to, audited financial statements such as balance sheets and statements of cash flow for each of the three (3) most recently completed fiscal years, documentation of an open line of credit or other arrangement with an established financial institution, certification of adequate financial resources provided by the successful offeror's principal financial officer or an independent accountant, or an onsite audit of the successful offeror's financial fitness to perform the contract, conducted by King County's Auditing Division.

King County reserves the right to audit the Contractor throughout the term of this contract to assure the Contractor's financial fitness to perform and compliance with all terms and conditions contained within this contract. King County shall be the sole judge in determining the Contractor's financial fitness in carrying out the terms of this contract.

2-2 REFERENCES

List the names and addresses of four (4) customers, for whom the offeror has provided similar equipment, preferably in Washington State, for a period not less than one (1) year. Include dates, contact persons and telephone numbers. Should any reference submitted by an offeror be found unsatisfactory, King County, at its sole option, may reject that offeror's offer. King County shall be the sole judge in determining a satisfactory/unsatisfactory reference response. **References must be submitted with offer**.

Company Name	1.	 2.	
Company Address			
Company Phone			
Contact Person			
Dates			
Company Name	3.	 4.	
Company Address		,	
Company Phone		 ·	
Contact Person			
Dates			

2-3 EVALUATION

Offers meeting all other requirements of this ITB will be evaluated based upon price.

King County will use prompt payment discount terms in evaluation of this ITB, however, discounts terms of less the twenty (20) days will not be considered. Minimum acceptable payment terms by King County without benefit of twenty (20) day discount shall be NET 30 days. State payment terms below and transfer to Page 1 of this ITB.

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The evaluation process will also include application of a 5% incentive factor for firms responding to this ITB that are certified and participating in King County's Contracting Opportunities Program.

2-4 AWARD

Award will be made to the firm deemed lowest responsive, responsible offeror, based upon total cost to the County, after application of the 5% incentive, if eligible.

King County reserves the right to split the award of this ITB if determined to be in the best interest of the County.

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SECTION 3 - GENERAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

3-1 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS KING COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 12.16

King County Code 12.16 relates to non-discrimination in employment and requires vendors to submit work force data to be eligible for a purchase order or contract award. For a vendor/contractor to receive a purchase order or contract, personnel employment data *must* be provided on the King County Personnel Inventory Report (PIR) when the amount of business placed with the firm will exceed \$25,000 for the year. The code also requires submission of a notarized Affidavit and Certificate of Compliance when orders during any one-year period are expected to amount to \$25,000 or more. After the initial submission, a PIR is required to be updated and resubmitted once every two years in order for the form to remain valid with the County. The Affidavit remains valid as long as an updated PIR is submitted once every two years.

In order to be eligible for receipt of a purchase order for this work, offerors/proposers must have the above listed forms on file with the County. Forms are to be filed with the Procurement & Contracts Services Section. Please contact the King County Procurement & Contracts Services Section at (206) 684-1681, or the buyer listed in this document if you wish to receive a copy of these forms and/or have questions regarding their completion. Copies of the forms are also maintained at: http://www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/suppliers/forms.asp

3-2 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND EMPLOYMENT

King County Code Chapter 12.17 and 12.18, which relates to non-discrimination in contracting and fair employment practices, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein and such requirements apply to this contract. In accordance with K.C.C. 12.17 and 12.18, neither the Contractor nor any party subcontracting under the terms and conditions of the contract shall discriminate or engage in unfair contracting or employment practices.

3-3 DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS (Non-Discrimination in Benefits)

King County's Domestic Partner Benefits (DPB) Ordinance 14823 prohibits the award of contracts valued at \$25,000.00 or more to firms that discriminate in the provision of employee benefits between employees with spouses, and employees with domestic partners. To be eligible for award, Contractors shall comply fully with the ordinance's provisions. Within five (5) days of notification of intent to award, and as a condition of the execution of a contract, the successful bidder/proposer shall provide to King County Procurement & Contract Services Section a completed DPB "Declaration" form. The DPB Ordinance and Declaration Form are available online at www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/forms.asp

3-4 SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

King County encourages the creation of supported employment programs for developmentally and/or severely disabled individuals. The County itself has such a program and is actively seeking to do business with those offerors that share this employment approach. If your firm has such a program, or intends to develop such a program during the life of this contract, please submit documentation supporting this claim with your bid/proposal/qualifications. If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact Ray Jensen, Community & Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Division at (206) 296-5268.

3-5 DESCRIPTIVE DATA AND SPECIFICATIONS

Submit complete descriptive data and specifications, including a statement of warranty, for the equipment offered.

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3-6 NON-ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor may not assign any rights or delegate any duties under this contract without the County's prior written consent. Such consent must be in writing and received no less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of any proposed assignment and/or delegation.

3-7 INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS

The contract between the awarded offerer and King County shall include all documents mutually entered into, specifically including the contract document, the solicitation, and the Response to the solicitation. The contract must include, and be consistent with, the specifications and provisions stated in this solicitation.

3-8 SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of any resultant Contract shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and the Contract shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions were omitted.

3-9 INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

- A. In providing services under this Contract, the Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither the Contractor nor its officers, agents or employees are employees of the County for any purpose. The Contractor shall be responsible for all federal and/or state tax, industrial insurance and Social Security liability that may result from the performance of and compensation for these services and shall make no claim of career service or civil service rights which may accrue to a County employee under state or local law.
 - The County assumes no responsibility for the payment of any compensation, wages, benefits, or taxes by or on behalf of the Contractor, its employees and/or others by reason of this Contract. The Contractor shall protect, indemnify, defend and save harmless the County and its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all claims, costs, and/or losses whatsoever occurring or resulting from (1) the Contractor's failure to pay any such compensation, wages, benefits or taxes; and/or (2) the supplying to the Contractor of work, services, materials, and/or supplies by Contractor employees or other suppliers in connection with or in support of the performance of this Contract.
- B. The Contractor further agrees that it is financially responsible for and will repay the County all indicated amounts following an audit exception which occurs due to the negligence, intentional act and/or failure for any reason to comply with the terms of this Contract by the Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, and/or representatives. This duty to repay shall not be diminished or extinguished by the prior termination of the Contract pursuant to the Duration of Contract, or the Termination section.
- C. The Contractor shall protect, defend, indemnify, and save harmless the County, [and the State of Washington (when any funds for this Contract are provided by the State of Washington)], their officers, employees, and agents from any and all costs, fees (including attorney fees), claims, actions, lawsuits, judgments, awards of damages or liability of any kind, arising out of or in any way resulting from the negligent acts or omissions of the contractor, its officers, employees, subcontractors of any tier and/or agents. The Contractor agrees that its obligations under this paragraph extend to any claim, demand, and/or cause of action brought by or on behalf of any of its employees, subcontractors of any tier or agents.

D. In addition to injuries to persons and damage to property, the term "claims," for purposes of this paragraph C, shall include, but not be limited to, assertions that the use or transfer of any software, book, document, report, film, tape, or sound reproduction or material of any kind, delivered hereunder, constitutes an infringement of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade name, and/or otherwise results in unfair trade practice.

- E. For purposes of paragraphs A and C above, the Contractor, by mutual negotiation, hereby waives, as respects the County only, any immunity that would otherwise be available against such claims under the Industrial Insurance provisions of Title 51 RCW.
- F. In the event the County incurs attorney fees and/or costs in the defense of claims within the scope of paragraph A and C above, such attorney fees and costs shall be recoverable from the Contractor. In addition King County shall be entitled to recover from the Contractor its attorney fees, and costs incurred to enforce the provisions of this section.
- G. The indemnification, protection, defense and save harmless obligations contained herein shall survive the expiration, abandonment or termination of this Agreement.
- H. Nothing contained within this provision shall affect and/or alter the application of any other provision contained within this agreement.

3-10 TERMINATION

A. <u>Termination for Convenience</u>

The County for its convenience may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, at any time by written notice sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Successful Awardee. After receipt of a Notice of Termination, and except as directed by the contract administrator, the Successful Awardee shall immediately stop work as directed in the Notice, and comply with all other requirements in the Notice. The Successful Awardee shall be paid its costs, including necessary and reasonable contract close-out costs and profit on that portion of the work satisfactorily performed up to the date of termination as specified in the notice. The Successful Awardee shall promptly submit its request for the termination payment, together with detailed supporting documentation. If the Successful Awardee has any property in its possession belonging to the County, the Successful Awardee will account for the same and dispose of it in the manner the County directs.

B. Termination for Default

In addition to termination for convenience, if the Successful Awardee does not deliver supplies in accordance with the contract delivery schedule, or if the contract is for services and the Successful Awardee fails to perform in the manner called for in the contract, or if the Successful Awardee fails to comply with any other material provisions of the contract, the County may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, for default. Termination shall be effected by serving a Notice of Termination by certified mail (return receipt requested) on the Successful Awardee setting forth the manner in which the Successful Awardee is in default and the effective date of termination; provided that the Successful Awardee shall have ten (10) calendar days to cure the default. The Successful Awardee will only be paid for goods delivered and accepted, or services performed in accordance with the manner of performance set forth in the contract less any damages to the County caused by such default.

The termination of this contract shall in no way relieve the Successful Awardee from any of its obligations under this contract nor limit the rights and remedies of the County hereunder in any manner.

C. <u>Termination for Non-Appropriation</u>

This contract may be canceled at the end of the then current fiscal period for non-appropriation of funds by the King County Council. Such cancellation shall be upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Successful Awardee. King County's fiscal period ends December 31 of each year. If the contract is terminated as provided in this subsection:

The County will be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination; and

The Successful Awardee shall be released from any obligation to provide further services pursuant to the contract as are affected by the termination.

Funding under this contract beyond the current appropriation is conditional upon the appropriation by the County Council of sufficient funds to support the activities described in this contract. Should such an appropriation not be approved, the contract will terminate at the close of the current appropriation year.

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SECTION 4 - SPECIFIC CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4-1 CONTRACT VALUE

The estimated annual value of this contract is approximately **\$62,000/YEAR**. King County will not be limited, restricted or bound by this dollar value, nor shall the County be obligated to purchase any items contained in this ITB.

4-2 DELIVERY

- A. Delivery is required within FOUR (4) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER to be responsive.
- B. Bid prices shall include delivery or shipping (F.O.B. Destination) to the address(es) stated below:

King County Department of Transportation Fleet Administration Stores Building "H" 155 Monroe Ave. N.E. Renton, WA 98056

AND/OR various King County Job Sites as instructed.

- C. Deliveries to Renton Stores shall be made during the standard delivery hours, 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise instructed.
- D. In case of emergency, the contractor must have the ability to deliver within one business day.
- E. Please state discount offered, if any, when order is picked up at the Contractor facility.

4-3 CONTRACT EXTENSION

The contract period may be extended in one-year increments for two additional one-year periods, unless otherwise specified, in accordance with the best interest and at the sole option of the County.

The prices shall remain firm for at least one (1) year after the bid award. Thereafter prices may be changed as follows: All price reductions at the manufacturer's or distributor's level shall be reflected in a reduction of the contract price(s) to King County retroactive to the effective date of the price change.

In the event of a price increase at the manufacturer's or suppliers level during the contract period, the Contractor may request a price change not to exceed the exact amount of the manufacturer's price increase. The request shall include adequate documentation and/or a copy of their suppliers price change notice. The Contractor shall endeavor to give the King County Procurement Services Section thirty (30) days but not less than fourteen (14) days written notice prior to the effective date of the price increase. The County may cancel the contract if the price increase request is not approved.

If price increases are approved by the County and allowed, they shall take effect at the time of contract extension and remain in effect for the subsequent contract extension period.

4-4 USAGE REPORTS

Annually, the Contractor shall furnish to the Procurement Services Section usage reports showing a summary of the ordering and/or history of each county agency for the previous contract year. The report must show at minimum, description and total quantity of each item ordered during the period, reporting

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period, county agency, and total dollars per agency. King County reserves the right to request additional information, if required, when reviewing contract activity.

4-5 FTA REQUIREMENTS

This solicitation shall be available for use by all King County Departments, Divisions and Agencies. If orders will be placed by the County's Transit Division, the Contractor will be required to sign and comply with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA)'s required documentation.

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SECTION 5 - TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

5-1 GENERAL

- A. Each County Department and/or agency is to be assigned a unique customer number to insure billing address accuracy and to be used in identifying each sale. Invoices and packing slips must include the name of the person who placed the order, their phone number, their order number, the unit price, sales tax and other pre-approved charges, if any.
- B. A PRICED invoice, packing slip or delivery ticket must accompany all deliveries. If a product is shipped direct from the manufacturer, a priced document shall be hand delivered, E-mailed or faxed to King County no later than 24 hours after receipt of shipment.
- C. A separate packing slip for each order number shall be included with the delivery if a shipment combines items from more than one order.
- D. Contractor shall ensure that their staff be responsive to County questions or concerns on invoicing discrepancies. Any invoices in dispute shall not be subject to late fees.
- E. Prices shall include packaging, delivery and all other costs associated with completing each order. No additional costs of any kind may be added to the bid prices unless pre-approved by King County.
- F. During the term of this contract, the prices charged to the County shall not exceed the prices charged by the Vendor to any other customer purchasing the product in like or similar quantities and under similar terms and conditions. Should the Contractor enter into pricing agreements with another customer providing greater benefits or lower pricing, Contractor shall immediately amend the County contract to provide similar pricing to the County provided the contract with other customers offers similar usage quantities and similar conditions impacting pricing.
- G. The items listed represent King County's anticipated approximate annual requirements. Quantities listed are to be purchased throughout the initial contract term on an as needed basis. This is not a one-time purchase or authorization to order.
- H. The Contractor shall advise the County of any item that is not available or will be backordered at the time the order is placed. King County shall be immediately notified by the Contractor if an existing order will be delayed or not be exactly as ordered.
- I. There shall be no shipping or freight charges on any order over \$500.00. Contractors shall state the percentage to be added to orders totaling less than \$500.00. ______%
- J. To be eligible for award, Contractors shall price <u>all</u> line items in this Invitation to Bid.
- K. Contractor shall advise King County of product substitutes that are considered to be more environmentally responsible as they become available.
- L. Pallet charges, if any, shall be included in the bid price and no separate charges shall be permitted. Pallets may be returned to the Contractor upon request, provided they schedule ahead and arrange for pickup.

5-2 CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Purchases made under this contract will be utilized to replenish the Fleet Administration central warehouse inventory. The goal of this contract to minimize the on-hand inventory investment, maximize available storage resources and establish rapid and reliable inventory replenishment source. Only contractors with adequate on-hand inventory to meet the County's requirements will be considered eligible for award.

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Contractor must be an established dealer, currently stocking and supplying a full line, as recommended by the manufacturer, of the items defined in this bid with sufficient facilities, personnel and equipment to perform all requirements, terms and conditions of this Invitation to Bid, in the event of award.

5-3 SERVICE EXPECTATION

State hours and days of operation:

The successful Contractor shall be required to maintain sufficient stock to insure prompt receipt of the items ordered. The contract involves products which are necessary to perform critical King County services. Any delay in order receipt could disrupt County services and force the County to immediately seek alternative sources of supply on an emergency basis. Timely delivery is critical to meeting the County's ongoing needs.

Contractor's employees shall be knowledgeable in the products listed. The Contractor is expected to assist purchasers in making cost effective purchases. Assistance includes but is not limited to suggesting new products and/or methods, economic order quantities and less costly substitutes of equal quality.

The Contractor shall be currently operating out of a commercial facility which is open and accessible to County personnel, without prior notice, during normal* business hours. *(The facility must be open a minimum of eight (8) consecutive hours, anytime between 7:00AM and 6:00PM.)

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5-4 RETURNS

King County reserves the right to return items as needed. Reasons for return may include, but are not limited to: item failure or defect, wrong item shipped, incorrect item ordered or item no longer needed. The Contractor shall immediately provide a receipt for all returned stock. In accordance with its best interest, King County may select any of the three restitution options:

- A. Item replacement: Contractor shall provide the replacement item within the time established in the "Delivery" portion of the Invitation to Bid.
- B. Credit: Contractor shall issue a credit within three (3) business days of receiving an item.
- C. Reimbursement check: Contractor shall issue a reimbursement check within twenty (20) business days after receiving an item.

5-5 BUY BACK

contractor shall buy-back, at current fair market value, all items purchased under this contract that are declared surplus or no longer required by King County, provided they are not used and are not of an

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unusual design that is manufactured especially for King County. Vendor shall be responsible for pickup of products declared surplus.

Restocking charges are not acceptable and payment of such shall not be authorized.

5-6 WARRANTY

- A. Items purchased under this contract shall be guaranteed against defect with full credit given.

 Contractor is responsible for picking-up defective items or arranging for a Call tag to insure freight is charged to Contractor on defective returns.
- B. Products furnished that are below the County's standard or not fit for the intended use shall be returned to the Contractor at their expense.
- C. The successful Contractor guarantees the goods and services furnished under this contract shall be free from defects in material and workmanship, and shall conform to all requirements of this contract. The Contractor is responsible for all costs of replacement, including shipping charges, for goods found to be defective within the warranty period.
- D. King County shall receive the increased warranty benefits if the Contractor or original manufacturer provides a warranty that is greater in scope or duration.
- E. The Contractor shall, upon request, provide the County complete copies of all written warranties or guarantees and/or documentation of any other arrangement relating to such warranties or guarantees extended to the Contractor by their suppliers, Contractors, distributors and subcontractors covering parts, component, sub-components and systems procured through this contract.
- F. The Contractor shall provide a local representative, authorized to act on their behalf and provide "on the spot" settlement of warranty claims or disputes. When applicable, the Contractor's representative shall be responsible for completing warranty claim documentation, and the packing and shipping of returns to manufacturer.
- G. The expiration or termination of this contract shall in no way relieve the Contractor from its warranty/quarantee responsibility.
- H. Items purchased for inventory shall be warranted from the date of installation by King County or their representative.

5-7 TELEPHONE CONTACT

The Contractor shall provide a contact name and a direct telephone number. If the Contractor is located out of King County's local calling area, a toll free telephone number shall be provided. Under no circumstances, shall County staff be kept on hold longer than three (3) minutes. Electronic voice mail is not acceptable as an answering service.

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Name of contact person, if applicable	Local/Toll Free telephone number

5-8 PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT

Prompt payment discounts offered by Contractors shall be used to calculate the low bid provided the discount offered allows a minimum of 20 days for payment. The number of days is calculated from the date of acceptance of goods or from the date a complete invoice is date stamped as received by King County, whichever event occurs last, and the check/warrant date. King County reserves the right to take discounts past the specified date when:

- A. The date printed on the invoice is more than three days earlier than the invoice receipt date;
- B. The delay is caused awaiting a credit memo, invoice correction, adjustment or reissue;
- C. An invoice is received prior to receiving goods ordered.

5-9 PRODUCTS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

In order to comply with WAC296-62-054, Hazard Communication, the Contractor awarded this contract must submit, with each new shipment, a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for all products containing any toxic items that may be harmful to the end user or environment. The MSDS is to accompany the toxic product(s) to the specific delivery site. NO products shall contain any known or suspected carcinogen unless the County and the Contractor mutually agree that no practicable alternative exists. The Contractor must also provide an MSDS to any King County agency upon request.

5-10 CATALOGS AND PRICE LISTS

Upon request, Contractor shall furnish all necessary catalogs, price lists and/or latest dated published manufacturer's net price lists to customers at no cost. Contractor shall have a maximum of two weeks after request to supply the price list specified. Price lists can be in hard copy, disk or electronic format.

5-11 OFFERS OF GIFTS OR GRATUITIES TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Pursuant to King County Code Chapter 3.04, the Employee Code of Ethics, a County employee is prohibited from soliciting or accepting gifts or things of value from anyone who does business with, or seeks to do business with, that employee's agency. Gifts and things of value may include meals and refreshments, transportation, discounts, tickets and promotional items from vendors, consultants or contractors. County employees are required to decline such offers. Contractors are requested to refrain from making any offers or sending items that are, or may be construed as, in violation of the Employee Code of Ethics.

5-12 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

Contractor agrees that all products purchased under this contract be covered by a 100% customer satisfaction guarantee. All parts or products not meeting the form, fit, and/or function requirements for the legal purposes of the purchaser will be returned and a full refund given, including return shipping charges.

5-13 QUALITY CONTROL

Contractor shall maintain company-wide quality control assurance and improvement program. Contractor shall provide proof of their quality control or initiative program upon request.

5-14 SAFETY STOCK

When specified, the successful Contractor shall maintain in their local stock, a minimum quantity no less than the quantity stated. At the end of the contract term, and at the Contractor request, King County will purchase at the contract rate, the remaining safety stock provided it does not exceed the minimum onhand stock quantities listed.

5-15 SAMPLES

If requested, samples shall be provided at no charge to King County. The Contractor shall have **one** week, after request, to provide samples. Failure to provide samples when requested shall eliminate

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Contractor from consideration. King County will be the sole judge in determining sample quality. The samples shall be returned upon request and at Contractor's expense.

5-16 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

It is the intent of these specifications to describe the minimum acceptable performance standards for obtaining Cast Iron Catch Basin (CB) and Manhole (MH) frames, grates and lids. The specifications are not intended to limit competition, but to insure that quality products are received. King County shall be notified, and these specifications amended, when new industry standards are set or existing standards are superseded.

- A. All materials and workmanship shall conform to all minimum applicable requirements of the King County Road Standards and/or Washington State Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction, latest edition.
- B. Frame and grate surfaces shall be flat to prevent rocking and rattling when put together.
- C. Frame and grate locking-hole placement must be in alignment for easy insertion of locking bolts.
- D. Gray iron castings shall be manufactured from iron conforming to ASTM A48. Ductile iron castings shall conform to ASTM A536.
- E. Castings shall be marked, at a minimum with the following: foundry name, country of manufacture, part number, and cast or heat date.
- F. When requested, grates and lids shall be stamped with the words, "Property of King County."
- G. Vaned grates and rolled curb grates shall be stamped with the words, "Outfall to Stream Dump No Pollutants."

5-17 APPROVED EQUALS

The brand names listed indicate the standard of quality required. Where allowed, brands of equal or better quality, performance and use will be considered provided the Contractor specifies the brand, model or other data for comparison with their bid. King County will be the sole judge for approving other brands as equals to the brand specified. Contractors shall indicate if they are offering alternate brands by noting the information requested in the space below each item.

Other brands must be interchangeable with the brands listed without modification.

5-18 CONTRACTOR STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE

"The products we are offering meet or exceed the specifications noted."	s and requirements given unless otherwise
Signature of authorized company representative	Date

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SECTION 6 - PRICING

6-1 PRICING INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide your price for the following items based on the estimated annual usage quantities. To insure equivalence, the base price for this bid shall be the current Manufacturer's Suggested List Price (MSLP). Using that as a basis, fill in the MSLP, the Discount Percentage (if any) you are offering and the *final* Unit Price. Extend the total by multiplying the Estimated Annual Usage quantity times the *final* Unit Price for each of the products listed. The following is a representative list of the items to be purchased. Other sizes and types of catch basin and manhole components and related items may also be purchased under this contract. The discount percentage offered for the items listed, shall be consistent for all cast iron catch basin, manhole and monument frames, grates, lids, risers and related items purchased under this contract. (Bids may be deemed non-responsive if you fail to complete <u>all</u> the fields listed below. If no discount from list price is offered, enter 0% in the appropriate space.)

6-2 MANUFACTURER PRICE FLUCTUATIONS

The discount percentage shall remain constant for the term of this contract; however the County recognizes there may be price changes (increases and decreases) to the MSLP from the manufacturer or materials supplier. Price increases will only be allowed when the Contractor can provide documented proof that the manufacturer's or supplier's prices have increased. Price increases cannot be retroactive. In no circumstance may the MSLP discount percentage rate change. The vendor shall provide the current MSLP price list for the products specified, if requested.

6-3 PRICE LIST

Note the brand and part number you are offering in the space provided below each line item.

Item No.	Est. Annual Use	Description	List Price	% Dis c	Unit Price	Est. Use X Unit Price
1	500 ea	CB Riser, drain inlet 2" high, 18" X 24" with 2 diagonally placed lockdown notches. Olympic SM50R, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 20	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	Part #:				
2	60 ea	CB Frame, drain inlet, locking 18" X 24" reversible, holes at each of the four corners. Olympic SM50, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 5	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	Part #:				
3	100 ea	CB Grate, drain inlet, locking 18" X 24" vaned, holes at each of the four corners. Olympic SM50VG, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 10	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	Part #	1		1	I

Item No.	Est. Annual Use	Description	List Price	% Dis c	Unit Price	Est. Use X Unit Price
4	425 ea	CB Frame, drain inlet, locking 18" X 24" reversible, holes at each of the four corners, and CB Grate, drain inlet, locking 18" X 24" vaned, holes at each of the four corners. Olympic SM50, Olympic SM50VGDT or approved equal.	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
5	50 ea	CB Solid Lid, drain inlet, locking 18" X 24". Olympic SM50S, or approved equal.	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
6	3 ea	CB Hooded Through Curb Inlet, frame and grate, 18" X 24". Olympic SM52 or approved equal.	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
7	10 ea	MH 18" Round Riser, 2" high. Olympic MH12R, or approved equal.	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
8	20 ea	MH 24" Round Riser, 2" high. Olympic MH30RISER or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 4	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:	1		<u> </u>	
9	5 ea	MH 18" Round Frame, 4" high, reversible, non- locking. Olympic MH12, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 1	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
10	5 ea	MH 24" Round Frame, 4" high, locking. Olympic MH30, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 1	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
11	8 ea	MH 24" Round Frame, 6" high, locking with Solid "Drain" Lid. Olympic MH30KDT, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 1	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:	•			
12	2 ea	MH 18" Round Lid, solid, non-locking, drain. Olympic MH12S, or approved equal.	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				

Item No.	Est. Annual Use	Description	List Price	% Dis c	Unit Price	Est. Use X Unit Price
13	10 ea	MH 18" Round Lid, slotted, non-locking. Olympic MH12G, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 1	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
14	4 ea	MH 24" Round Lid, solid, locking, drain. Olympic MH30, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 1	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
15	4 ea	MH 24" Round Lid, slotted, locking. Olympic MH30, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 1	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
16	25 ea	Monument Case, 8" ID. Olympic M1015, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 5	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
17	35 ea	Monument Valve Box Riser 1.50" high, 8" OD, 5.50" ID. Olympic 940R or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 5	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				I
18	20 ea	Monument Case "King County" Lid, 9.25" OD, Olympic M1015, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 10	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:			<u> </u>	
19	250 ea	Monument Case "King County" Riser 1.50" high, 10.5" OD, 9.25" ID, Olympic M1015-1.5, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 10	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
20	115 ea	Monument Case "King County" Riser 2.0" high, 10.5" OD, 8.00" ID, Olympic M1015-2, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 10	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
21	190 ea	Monument Case "Snohomish County" Riser 1.50" high, 9" OD, 7.25" ID, Olympic M1016-1.5, or approved equal. Minimum on-hand stock: 10	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				

Item No.	Est. Annual Use	Description	List Price	% Dis c	Unit Price	Est. Use X Unit Price
22	100 ea	Monument Case "Snohomish County" Riser 2.00" high, 9" OD, 7.00" ID, Olympic M1016-2, or approved equal. Minimum on hand stock: 10	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:				
23	10 ea	Monument Case "King County" Riser 3.0" high, 10.5" OD, 8.00" ID, Olympic M1015-3, or approved equal.	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$
Please	e Provide you	r Part #:	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
24	6 ea	Monument, Survey concrete, 3" top, 6" bottom, 18" high with 3" brass button.	\$ ea	%	\$ ea	\$

Please Provide your Part #:

BID TOTAL	\$

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Domestic Partner Benefits Declaration Form



Department of Executive Services
Finance and Business Operations Division
Procurement and Contract Services Section
Exchange Building, EXC-ES-0862
821 Second Avenue, 8th Floor
206-684-1681 TTY Relay: 711

King County's Domestic Partner Benefits (DPB) Ordinance prohibits County contractors from discrimination in the provision of employee benefits between employees with spouses and employees with domestic partners. "Employee benefits" are defined as the provision of bereavement leave; disability, life and other types of insurance; family medical leave; health benefits; membership discounts; moving expenses; pension and retirement benefits; travel benefits; and other benefits given to employees, but excludes benefits to the extent that the application of the ordinance may be preempted by federal or state law.

The Domestic Partner Benefits Ordinance is available online at www.metrokc.gov/finance/procurement/forms.asp.

This form must be completed, signed and returned to the address listed above within five (5) business days of notification of King County's intent to award a contract.

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	Registered under the City of Seattle's CH.20.45).	"Equal Benefits C	ompliance" Code (SMC		
	Has no employees.				
	Does not make benefits available to the spouses or the domestic partners of its employees.				
	Makes benefits available on an equal basis to its employees with spouses and its employees with domestic partners.				
Check all t	that apply:				



ATTACHMENT A INVITATION TO BID IT12684-VJL KING COUNTY CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM FOR GOODS AND SERVICES CONTRACTS

The King County Contracting Opportunities Program is a public contracting assistance program that is being implemented on a one-year pilot basis. The purpose of the Program is to maximize the participation of Small Economically Disadvantaged Businesses through the use of a five percent (5%) incentive factor in the award of King County contracts for the purchase of goods and services.

A "Small Economically Disadvantaged Business" (SEDB) means that a business and the person or persons who own and control it are in a financial condition which puts the business at a substantial disadvantage in attempting to compete for public contracts. The relevant financial condition for eligibility under the Program is based on a dollar ceiling for standard business classifications that is set at fifty percent (50%) of the Federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and Owners' Personal Net Worth less than \$750K dollars.

A "Certified Firm" means a business that has applied for participation in King County's Contracting Opportunities Program, and has been certified as an SEDB by the King County Business Development and Contract Compliance (BDCC) office. Information about becoming a Certified Firm, as well as a list of Certified Firms, may be obtained by contacting the BDCC office at (206) 205-0700.

Application of the 5% Incentive Factor and Contract Award:

- 1. This contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; <u>provided</u>, however, that if the bid price of a responsive, responsible SEDB is within five percent (5%) of the bid price of the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, and that bidder is not a SEDB, then the contract shall be awarded to the low SEDB bidder.
- 2. All certified SEDB bidders must complete the information in the section for <u>Bidder Identification</u> as described in the front page of this Invitation To Bid and the certification information below.

3. () Check if firm submitting Bid is a Small Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterp certified by King County that will perform the entire contract unassisted.		
1	Name of SEDB Business	SEDB Certification Number

Contact Person Name and Phone Number

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Owner Signature

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BID OPENING LABEL

Complete the form below (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) and affix to the exterior lower left hand corner of the submission package.

